

**REGULAR SESSION    RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS    NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, November 23rd, 2009 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR**

Deborah Adams, Auditor, asked the commissioners to approve the payroll claims for the payroll ending November 27<sup>th</sup>. Ken Masters made the motion to approve the presented claims. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bi-weekly claims were presented. Adams discussed presented claims for the H1N1 Grant that included county employees. Adams shared the State Board of Accounts opinion as to county employees needing to have fringe benefits deducted as apposed to receiving a W-9 at year end. Adams provided county attorney Leigh Morning with a copy of the grant, contracts as prepared by Health Board attorney Julie Newhouse, and the State Board of Accounts opinion. Adams asked Morning for a letter of opinion as how to proceed. After further discussion Ken Masters made the motion to approve the bi-weekly claims with the exception of the H1N1 claims submitted for county employees Marge Amos, Sharon Brown, Dr. Davis Ellis, Reno Gosser, Dixie Meyer, Terri Nigh and Kim Roe. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. Morning will have the legal letter of opinion prepared by the December 7<sup>th</sup> commissioner meeting so that final approval of the claims may be given.

The Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Rush County was approved and signed on a motion by Ken Masters, Seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Reviewed the October Carthage run sheet.

Approved and signed the contract for bed space at the Henry County Youth Center on a motion by Marvin Cole. Seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried. The contract is for 180 contract bed days for the 2010 calendar year at a per diem of \$130.00. The per diem for any bed days above and beyond the contract will be billed at \$160.00

Reviewed the County Treasurers month end report ending October 31, 2009

Adams reported that the county will be receiving their #1782 budget order within the next couple of days. Adams noted that the council is looking at making necessary budget cuts that could involve the 2009 and or the 2010 budgets.

## I-T

Randy Herbert, I-T Technician, reported that county attorney Leigh Morning has reviewed the Kimball proposal and found it to be in order. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve and sign the 911 billing assessment agreement with Kimball. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Herbert reported on the Omnicity fiber hook up and utilizing the county fiber loop. A fiber board meeting is being called by Councilman Bruce Levi.

## HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, had nothing to report.

## AREA PLAN

Bill Todd, Area Plan Director, asked the commissioners to approve professional services contracts for 2010.

Gilda W. Caviness was approved as Legal Counsel on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Coor Consulting and Land Services Corporation were approved as the map consultant on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

Rogier and Associates were approved as the plan consultant on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.

## SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-eight (48) inmates currently being housed in the jail. Four (4) inmates are sentenced and forty-four (44) inmates are pre-sentenced.

Sherwood reported that as per council approval two (2) vehicles have been purchased for the 2010 year. Sherwood reported that a trade in of a 2005 vehicle for a Dodge car was purchased for \$18,564.00. A SUV Jeep Commander was purchased for \$22,497.00 Sherwood noted that the Surveyor shall receive an older vehicle. Commissioner Tom Barnes reported that the Health Department is also in need of a replacement vehicle.

Sherwood reported on the recent pavement of the alley behind the jail building. Sherwood reported that the pavement is raised and causing pooling of water. Sherwood

reported that he had the necessary \$550 that will allow Stanley Paving to level and round the pavement.

### ANDERSON TWP

Bill Ward, Anderson Twp Advisory Board Member, thanked the commissioners for their assistance towards resolving the ambulance situation. Commissioner Tom Barnes asked Ward to keep communication channels open on both sides. The commissioners will make their final decision regarding the ambulance situation by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Rush Memorial Ambulance will still continue to cover the area until the situation has been completely resolved.

### COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS FOR 2010

- Alcoholic Beverage Board - Dewey Grocox, on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.
- Area Plan commission – Commissioner Tom Barnes, on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.
- County Attorney – Earnest, Foster, Eder & Levi, on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole.
- Custodial Service – Gilliam Janitorial, on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.
- E-911 Board – Ron Jarman, on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.
- Eastern Indiana Regional Wage Board – Mayor Merv Bostic, on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.
- Economic Development Commission – Area Plan Director, on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.
- Employee Health Insurance Committee – Commissioner Tom Barnes, on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.
- Fiber Board – Commissioner Tom Barnes, on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.
- Highway Superintendent – Jerry Sitton, on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.
- Homeland Security Coordinator – Mike Ooley, on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.
- Area Plan Commission – Surveyor, on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.
- Rush Memorial Hospital Board – Linda Levi, on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.
- I.C.A.P. – Commissioner Ken Masters, on a motion by Tom Barnes, seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.
- Veterans Servicer Officer – Steve Land, on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

- Covered Bridge Committee – Commissioner Marvin Cole, on a motion by Ken Masters, seconded by Tom Barnes
- Board of Review – no Appointment was made as to any submission of interest by a candidate.

## COURTHOUSE

Commissioner Tom Barnes reported on the progress by Wellman Brothers to the courthouse clock tower roof. Barnes reported of other areas of concern to the courthouse roof and surrounding areas. Barnes shared photo's of exposed brick that is allowing water, weeds and a small tree growing, a ledge area separated from the building, damaged copper flashing and downspouts, deteriorated caulking, access door rotted and needs replaced. Barnes reported that a maintenance program was discussed with Wellman. The cost of the necessary repairs will cost approximately \$27,047.60 and be done by early January. Funding was discussed with the possibility of half coming from the 2010 budget. Marvin Cole made the motion to proceed with the necessary repairs. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barnes reported of continued plumbing problems that have shifted from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to the health department. Barnes reported that all of the old black pipe will be replaced with PVC piping.

Barnes reported that a memo was received from Trane regarding a December 7<sup>th</sup> deadline for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant available through the American Recovery Reinvestment Act. The structure of the grant retrofits for government owned structures. Barnes noted that an energy audit is necessary if the county desires to further pursue the grant. Questions of a cost of energy audit will be answered. Ken Masters made the motion to discuss the project further. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters, Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Tom Barnes, Chairman

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Marvin Cole

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Ken Masters